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Antonucci takes reigns and steamlines budget

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STAFF REPOTER

—In five years, I want Fitchburg to be the number one college in the state," said new President Robert Antonucci. —I want us to be number one in academics, graduation numbers, enrollment and retention." No one can say that he doesn't have high hopes for the institution.

Antonucci entered the position in July, taking over for Interim President Michael Rivard who rose to the responsibilities after the resignation of President Michael Rivard following the Spring 2002 semester.

Antonucci, a Leominster native and an FSC graduate for both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees, has had 30 years of experience in education. He received his doctorate degree from Boston University. Antonucci spent six years as Commissioner of Education for the state, served as superintendent at a number of schools, and has been the CEO of an on-line college.

—The education I got here prepared me for all my assignments. All of my experiences as a leader, manager and an administrator prepared me for this position and gave me an understanding of higher education and its values."

The president has an —exciting variety of experiences" in any given day, he said. He participates in a significant number of meetings and conferences that enable him to intertwine with students, parents, faculty and staff. However, Antonucci's favorite part of his job is getting out on campus. —I want to see what's happening," he said. —I learn the most about the college by interacting with the students and staff."

But the duties don't end there. President Antonucci came into the position at a very complicated time for the state college system. The most difficult part of his job is, —ensuring that all programs we currently have, both academic and student support services, run well with limited resources," said Antonucci. Cut backs have been made in every department of the college.

Although student fees were recently raised $500, those funds only accounted for 21 percent of the reductions. The remaining 79 percent has been taken from efficiencies, and reductions in staff and programming.

President Antonucci is about the students and will do anything in his power to make Fitchburg the best state school there is

Courtesy Photo

—We are all here for the same reason. The reductions were done in ways that were equitable and fair. The biggest challenge is that

there are no future cuts," said Antonucci. Antonucci tributed Interim President Rivard for paying special attention to the fiscal problem. —He stepped into a difficult situation. But Mike got the house in order," said Antonucci of Rivard.

These cut backs haven't stopped Antonucci from attending the many events

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Hazardous material found on campus

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that it has proposed a monetary penalty against Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg, MA for violations of hazardous waste laws last year. The proposed penalty stems from violations found during EPA inspections at the college's 90-acre campus in April 2002.

According to the complaint, EPA inspectors found several containers of improperly stored reactive hazardous wastes in a room at the Condike Building adjacent to two active classrooms. Reactive hazardous wastes may potentially explode and/or release toxic vapors. Inspectors also found numerous containers of unknown materials and improperly marked wastes in the Anthony and Condike buildings. The college had not made any determination as to whether these wastes were hazardous. Some of the wastes were in a degraded condition or had been stored in unsound containers.

The materials were ultimately removed from the

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Fitchburg ranks high among state schools

U.S. News and World Report in its 2004 edition has ranked FSC in its third tier of regional universities in the northern United States- the highest ranking achieved by any of the state's seven comprehensive state colleges.

Fitchburg State is listed along with Eastern Connecticut State, C.W. Post's campus on Long Island, Goddard College in Vermont, several of the State University of New York colleges, and William Paterson University in New Jersey.

The rankings are based on academic reputation, retention rates, graduation rates, class size, student-faculty ratio, SAT scores, and alumni giving.

"Ratings are a controversial issue in higher education," said President Robert V. Antonucci, "but it's gratifying to se the long-term accomplishments of the campus community recognized by such a prominent publication."

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Letter from the Editor

Hello, I'm Julie Jepsen and I will be the new Editor-In-Chief of the FSC Newspaper, The Point. As of May 2003, Amy Bobrowski decided to resign from the position to concentrate more on what she loves most, writing.

Since then, The Point has gone under even more design changes as well as position changes. We look forward to bringing you campus, community and world news as we have done in the past. I hope you will please bear with us all and give us your feedback as we work together to make the paper greater.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I am in my sophomore year as a Graphic design major, I'm an Orientation leader for both the Summer and Fall session, and I was also the Editor-in-Chief for my high school newspaper.

I must apologize for the lateness of our first issue. As many of you know we have been having many difficulties with the internet access here on campus, which has delayed our process of getting the issue out. I would also like to welcome each one of you back to a new and exciting year.

My staff and I wish to expand our paper and we hope that many of you will get involved as well. You can expect us to have weekly important on-going campus news, a campus calendar of current events, sport's updates and highlights, horoscopes and much more.

I hope all campus organizations will send us schedules of your upcoming events so we can help promote the activities. We also plan to continue with the weekly Professor Profiles and start a —Behind the Scenes" series on sports players, as well as Student Spotlights.

In addition, all are encouraged to use The Point as a means of reaching and informing the FSC community through advertisements. We often offer discounted ad rates to campus organizations

We welcome any new writers who wish to contribute any articles and/or ideas to the paper. Submissions can be sent through e-mail to POINT@fsc.edu or through campus mail. Feel free to contact members of the Point staff at extension 3647 with any questions or concerns. At this time I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in taking on this enormous task as Editor-in-Chief. Have a great semester and I am looking forward to meeting many new faces.

Sincerely,

Julie Jepsen

Blasts of Summer Learning at Arlington Advocate

KRISTINE MCCAFFREY
STAFF REPOTER

By Kristine McCaffrey

My summer was filled with long, humid days, lazy summer nights and the occasional trip to the beach, but I received an education. Not in class or in life, but in people. I was fortunate enough to be an intern with my hometown paper, —The Arlington Advocate." It is the paper I have seen resting on my breakfast table all of my life and the one I would pick up to read the police log every Thursday (you know you all enjoy seeing who from your graduating class got arrested).

I have found that, at least in the field of journalism, the more you know the easier it is to understand people and topics that you have to write about.

Kristine McCaffrey

I wrote over 20 news, business and feature articles for —The Advocate" this summer including four front page articles. Did I learn about writing? Yes. Did I learn about being aggressive to get a story? Yes. Did I learn patience in waiting for people to return my phone calls and schedule interviews? Of course, but I also learned that the people you talk to are the ones who make the story.

Over the course of the summer I interviewed business owners, women fighting cancer, political speakers, environmental activists, a theatre company, musical composer, and a toy company entrepreneur. Before interviewing these fine individuals, I never new they existed in the town I had been born and raised in.

I now think of Arlington in a different way. Not as a dry town with no bars or liquor stores or a town which is referred to as the —bedroom to Boston." I think of the people who make a difference everyday. I think of Valerie Barnes, a bike shop owner, who would bend over backwards for her customers, but probably will not see next fall due to her losing battle with cancer and heart failure.

I think of the young children of the Children's Theatre Company, who have more talent than anyone on American Idol, and who gave up summer nights of playing baseball and running through sprinklers to do what they love; acting and singing. I think of the thousands of luminary bags spelling the word —hope"on my high school bleachers in the spirit of the cancer walk —Relay for Life" in which $65,000 was raised.

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The Point considers for publication letters to the editor on any topic of interest to the Fitchburg State College community. All submissions run at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief and are subject to editing for style and length.

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Announcements should be short, including dates, places, times, and a contact person.

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Parking woes and Freshmen hosed

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As an intelligent adult, a commuter student, and as a writer, I would be entirely remiss if I did not speak my mind on the issues of parking at FSC.

First and foremost let me establish that I AGREE, 100%, with a parking fee. Now let me explain why, and, as there is always the exception to the rule, when another option may be the better choice.

Everyone involved seems to have forgotten that parking (on campus) is a privilege…not a right, and in order for a privilege to continue, some guidelines must be followed.

In an attempt to please too many, if not all, persons involved, and in not looking far enough into the future, the establishment of appropriate guidelines has become clouded, if not downright confused.

So much time and energy has gone into the decision making process here, with too many opinions, that the reality has come down to the fact that all factions if you please, do want the parking solution…as long as it is the solution that suits them.

As a commuter student, and a working parent with a busy schedule, I am not interested in parking at the civic center. Use the shuttle, you say? Well, I used to…before it became too inconsistent due to cut-backs, route changes, and changes in contracting companies. Now I find that I can walk to the civic center faster than I can get there with the shuttle.

I don't usually have the time it takes for either, and so believe that commuter students should have priority parking on the main campus. Students who live on campus will probably disagree, but they, as residents, do not have to rush to their cars to get home, and could plan with less hassle to allow for the additional 20-30 minutes it may take for them to go out on Friday night or get to their local job.

Next, I found an idea, already in use, that I came up with while pondering this very issue shortly after I came into receipt of the letter informing me of the new parking fee. This plan was 1) all commuters and faculty received passes, 2) Remaining slots were allotted according to the Registrars list of class standing beginning with seniors.

In the case of FSC, they could, however, park at the civic center. This type of plan is used at Framingham State, Westfield State, Worcester State, and UMASS. My plan would include actual assigned slots and I am sure many would be willing to for one of those! Additionally, in the case of ties in standing or even in general, the lottery system could be utilized.

Next, we look to the future….all of a sudden, there are now funds (the new parking fees) coming in to the coffers that did not exist before. Sure we know that the said funds will all go directly to the cost of upkeep and maintenance, etc. etc…..But that does not solve the problem of lack of parking. There are only so many houses that can be demolished in order to make room for more parking lots you see, so eventually we must look to another solution.

What is my idea? Obviously, it must be a parking garage! Yes, I understand that the initial outlay will be high…ok, astronomical. But…the banks will lend it because the payback is guaranteed. How so, you ask? Because the college will obviously pass the cost of the loan/building on to the students as part of the regular increase in fees.

Now that's not all I have to say either. The college administration can look at this as a guaranteed moneymaker as well (remember that we are going for satisfaction for all, even the administration).

How can an exorbitant outlay of money be a guaranteed moneymaker for the college you now want to know?? Well, like this. Think of the Pike and the corresponding toll booths. I wasn't here, but have been told that the Massachusetts Government obtained the approval for the tolls, etc. by promising to remove them after the construction had been paid for. In a form of imitation, the college does not indicate that the additional fees will eventually be reduced, and they in fact, have a new, profitable income at the payoff of that initial guaranteed garage construction loan that we mentioned earlier!

I don't personally hold with the theories that shoot this idea down due to security issues. First, many campuses have garages so it is feasible. Second, a garage in close proximity with the main campus is much less likely to be a security issue than the Civic Center parking lot, which I might add, already has a poor record.

There it is, all is well, problem solved! Now, freshmen don't get upset…with the completion of the new parking garage, there is now, hopefully, adequate parking (or at least close to adequate parking) even for you! And before anyone gets upset over fees you may want to check out the fees at those other local colleges and universities I mentioned. Some are much less, yes, but some are much more…up to $635.00 per student at UMASS Amhurst (for the parking garage that is)!

Learn how to deal with clingy parents

STEPHANIE ST. JEAN
STAFF REPOTER

It's the beginning of the school year, and many of you are new to campus life. You are finally on your own living away from your folks; you have free reign to do as you wish for once. Well, if your parents are anything like my mother was when I first moved to campus then you may have a little trouble living your new life (especially if you are the first of your siblings to live away from home).

Many parents tend to be nervous having you live away from home after eighteen plus years of having a very watchful eye on you. They'll call you, and they'll want you to call them. Whatever they want, just humor them. That's right; give them exactly what they want.

My first roommate told me this when my mother was being over protective, and it worked like a charm. After the first month my mother was finally begging off. I'm not promising that yours will back off as quickly as mien did, but sooner or later they will adjust to having you live away from home.

If they want you to call every night, just do it, save yourself the trouble. If they want to give your roommate their number to contact them should anything happen to you, hand over the phone (and apologize after). My mother actually did this, thank goodness my roommate understood.

It's very exciting living away from home for the first time, and it's understandable you want to get out there and party, just beware of the clingy parents, and remember to just humor them, it will all turn out ok in the end. Welcome to campus, and have a great year!

Have a campus concern or or don't agree? Let us know. Send your thoughts to:

Point@FSC.edu

Students and Facilty are welcomed.

Boston Red Sox slam during in Orientation

OLLEEN MONTGOMERY
GA PRESIDENT

ood Afternoon!

My difficult task today is to llow Dr. Martinyuk's wonderl speech about her passion for aching. The only way I feel I n meet these standards is to lk about something I am pasonate about.

he Boston red Sox.

What greater passion is there r anyone from New England an the Home Town Team. eing in love with the red Sox is e a steamy romance novel. The assion grows with each page.

Today starts your great jourey around the bases. It is most the wrong time of the ear, but you can consider the ext five days like a brief spring aining. And the opening pitch omes on Wednesday with the rst day of classes. And you are ff, just like Johnny Damon at he crack of the bat with one of his line drives. But just like the red Sox who have had a long history, you won't be a one season star on the Fitchburg team. We have signed you for at least a four year deal.

Attendance at Sox games also reflects this great passion. This year they had to add the Green Monster seats, so I need to hello to all of you watching on close circuit television next door Kent Recital Hall. The passion for FSC is so high that we cannot fit you all in the old ball park any longer.

All of those people next door and sitting around you are part of your —Fenway Faithful," the friends and family that will always be behind you helping you to round the bases and make it home. In return always remember who has been there to help you make it to the big leagues.

As you all know, a year ago, a whole new ownership came into the Red Sox. They signed some great free agents in the last few years, like Manny Ramirez, David Ortiz, and Bill Mueller. Just like our latest free agent signing Dr. Robert Antonucci. And I assure you, there is no one I would rather have coming up to the plate with the bases loaded at FSC that our new president.

The faculty and administrators at FSC represent the front offices and the coaching staff. They do not make a lot of money (at least not as much as Pedro) but they are passionate about students and they will always be ready to congratulate and support you, whether you hit a home run or pop out. They will be there to help straighten out your swing and hit it into the corners.

The important thing to remember is that the coaches coach and the players play. The students here are the players, and without them there is no team. There are plenty of coaches and trainers in the clubhouse ready to help you to your Academic Hall of Fame. The greatest thing about an Academic Career is that it never ends. No retirement at the age of 35 or because of bad ankles. You can keep on learning and shattering your personal best each year. Streaks may come and go, but a great academic career is like a Grand Slam against the Yankees in the bottom of the ninth.

It is up to you whether you are the noticeable MVP like Nomar Garciaparra, or the tenth player like Jason Varitek. Either way make sure your impact is felt, and get involved with the ball club.

Remember that the greatest hitter of them all, Ted Williams, had a lifetime batting average of .328. But that still meant that he made an out six of tem times up to bat. Success is measured on making it to home, not necessarily how you got there. Remember, Teddy Ballgame also never won a world series, but still…what a career. And whenever he walked down the street, people said, —There goes the greatest hitter that ever lived."

I am now the Student Government Association President here at FSC. When I first came here, I never thought that would happen. I also never thought I would be walking out to the field at Fenway Park before a game. But I will be doing that with President Antonucci on September 18th, and my Fitchburg Faithful will be in the stands to see it.

But what I hope will really happen when I walk out to that mound, is that people will say —She goes to Fitchburg State College, the greatest State College that ever lived."

Now let's play ball!

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Besides the appreciation for the eople in my town I also have a new ppreciation for my liberal arts backround here at FSC. We all complain bout having to take our LAS classes nd ask the question —what will I ver need this for once I graduate?"

I have found that, at least in the field f journalism, the more you know the asier it is to understand people and opics that you have to write about.

If I had never taken International elations I probably wouldn't have een able to be interested in or undertand Noam Chomsky, renowned olitical speaker and writer, when I overed his lecture. If I had never aken a lab science I might not have een able to relate to the environental activists who celebrated Spy Pond this summer in an act to preserve it and its surrounding land.

I feel that working on —The Point" these past three years has also helped me a great deal. It was great to be able to walk into the newsroom and already know how to lay out an issue and how to talk to people and ask intelligent and thoughtful questions.

I am happy to be back and working as Features Editor once again, for my last semester here at FSC, but I am also grateful for getting to look at my town through a different set of eyes than the ones I grew up with. I see myself as a journalist who can always find an interesting aspect to a story by simply talking and listening to the most important element of all stories;

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that FSC still has to offer. Recently, he's participated in the Orientation program as well as serving Sno-Cones at Rock the Block VI. —A president has certain responsibilities. I want to go far beyond that and become involved," said Antonucci.

He's looking forward to being invited to classes by professors, not to observe, but rather to participate. Antonucci wants to show his support not only through budget and resources, but also by attending and taking part in programs. —I actually want to live at the college. It's more than a nine-to-five job. Hopefully people will say, "He's here again!' rather than say I'm not here enough," stated Antonucci.

Antonucci realizes the town of Fitchburg has a significant influence on the college. He serves on the In-Town committee to improve the downtown area as well as on the Chamber of Commerce. Antonucci plans to continue the Civil Engagement type discussions that were held last year as part of the schools effort to collaborate with the town of Fitchburg.

—The community needs the college and the college needs the community. There's only so much we can do. We will only be successful in working together," said Antonucci.

President Antonucci also encourages students and staff to visit him. Although his open office hours are Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m., he welcomes all to stop by whenever his door is open.

With such enthusiasm for his position, Antonucci might just bring FSC to number one in the state. According to Antonucci, this requires growth among the student body, housing and academic programs. FSC must continue to ensure a strong body of full-time faculty.

—The faculty have taken significant cuts. We want to reverse that trend," he said. We must also, Antonucci stated, hire the best in the field that will complement our already strong faculty.

A final factor Antonucci contributes to the future success of the college is paying a great deal of attention to academic standards and performance. —Everything has to revolve around the student," he said. —A test of this will come when our students leave. They must be able to get a job in their professions, become successful in their professions and be competitive with other college graduates."

In five years, I want Fitchburg to be the number one college in the state.

President Robert Antonucci

Antonucci encourages everyone to do their best, to enjoy their time at FSC, move forward and work hard. —When I'm out there selling the college, I want to look over my shoulder and know everyone is behind me," said Antonucci.

This FSC graduate turn FSC President has passion for his position and faith in the schools abilities. Antonucci stated, —I believe in what Fitchburg State College, what it's done in the past, what it's doing now, and what it will be

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campus as hazardous waste. In addition, memos obtained from Fitchburg State College by EPA indicate that employees repeatedly brought these conditions to the attention of college administrators prior to EPA's inspections.

"The college's failure to follow basic rules of handling and storing hazardous waste put students and employees, as well as the environment, at an increased risk of harm," said Robert W. Varney, regional administrator of EPA's New England Office. "Hopefully, the college now realizes that it is less costly and safer for everyone when the school is in compliance with our nation's environmental laws."

This action is the latest of numerous enforcement actions EPA's New England Office has filed against colleges and universities as part of its College and University Initiative. Launched in 1999, the initiative has also included enforcement actions against Boston University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, as well as other colleges and universities in the region.

The initiative was launched after EPA inspectors noticed generally poor compliance during their visits to universities, which typically have large numbers of laboratories and other operations generating a large array of toxic chemicals. In addition to enforcement activities, the initiative includes extensive compliance assistance, including workshops geared for university environmental compliance personnel and a university compliance web page at http://www.epa.gov/region01/assistance/univ/

EPA New England is also conducting a College and University Audit Initiative, in which colleges and universities can disclose and correct violations before an EPA inspection occurs. By making such disclosures, participants become eligible for significant penalty reductions or elimination. More than 175 university facilities in New England are participating in this program and more than 125 self-disclosures have been received and reviewed to date. Fitchburg State College has not participated in this project.

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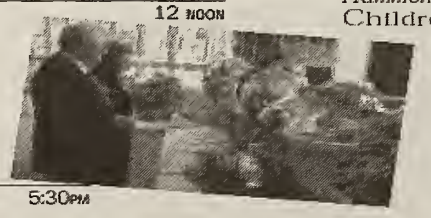
Hammond Campus Center, M&M Lounge
Bids taken on donated gift baskets.



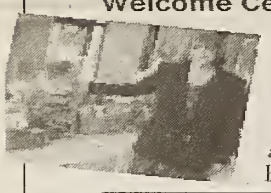
Welcome Center Opens — 3–6PM
Alumni House, 281 Highland Avenue (adjacent to the Newman Center).
Get information and register for events.

Class of 1953 50th Reunion & Party — 5:30PM
Best Western Hotel, West Fitchburg
Cocktails (cash bar) and buffet dinner, $26 per person (Reservation required)

Just Desserts—Welcome Back Dessert Party — 7–9PM
Hammond Campus Center, The Pub
Enjoy tasty gourmet desserts and beverages in a fun, relaxing venue. Music and entertainment provided! Dessert auction! All are welcome. $5 per person

Saturday, September 20

Assorted novelties, great pictures and fun keepsakes available throughout the day in the Hammond Campus Center, G-Lobby & Elliot Field



Welcome Center Opens — 8:30AM
Hammond Campus Center, M&M Lounge
Continental breakfast for alumni

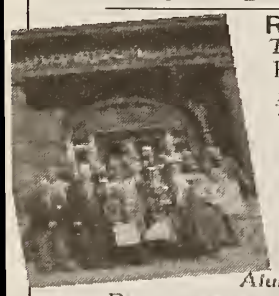
Alumni Legacy Scholarship Silent Auction — 9AM–5PM
Hammond Campus Center, M&M Lounge and alumni tent at Robert Elliot Field
Bids taken on donated gift baskets

Veterans and Faculty Memorial Walk and Recognition — 9AM
Starts at Sanders Building Flag Pole, continues to Veterans Park and Faculty Memorial Park

Tours — 9:30AM
Start at Hammond Campus Center foyer on Thompson Hall Plaza.
Visits Miller Hall (celebrating its 100th Anniversary), the Center for Italian Culture, Amelia V. Gallucci '38 Library, and other campus highlights.

Meet Dr. Robert Antonucci, '67, Fitchburg State's New President — 10AM
Hammond Campus Center, The Alumni Rooms
A reception hosted by the Alumni Association.

The Blizzard of '78 — 11AM
Ellis White Lecture Hall
A talk and visual presentation by Michael Tougias, author and photographer. Sponsored by the Class of 1978.



Reunion Classes Photos — 11:45AM
Thompson Hall steps
Reunion classes ending in 3s and 8s are invited.

Reunion Classes Luncheon — 12–2:30PM
Holmes Dining Center
Induction of the class of 1953 as Golden Graduates. All classes and graduates are welcome—Reservation required.

Tailgate Party! — 12 NOON–2:30PM
Alumni Tents, Robert Elliot Field
Picnic-style fare and *non-alcoholic* beverages

Football vs. Western New England College — 1:30PM
Trolleys to and from Robert Elliot Field
Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of football at FSC and 20th Anniversary of intercollegiate football at FSC. Half-time Recognition: Past and present Hall of Fame winners.

Alternative Spring Break Presentation — 2PM
Ellis White Lecture Hall
A pictorial program about a group of FSC students on their 2003 spring break trip to West Virginia to help Habitat for Humanity.

Puppet Theatre — 3PM
Hammond Campus Center, M&M Lounge
Children of all ages welcome.

Mass in Newman Center — 4PM
Highland Avenue
In honor of the class of 1953. All are welcome.

5th Quarter—Post Game Reception — AFTER THE FOOTBALL GAME–6:30PM
Hammond Campus Center, The Pub
Everyone age 21 and over welcome. $5 per person. Cash bar.

Alumni Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner — 5:30–9PM
Hammond Campus Center, The Alumni Rooms
RSVP required. $25 per person

Class of 1953 50th Reunion & Party — 5:30PM
Best Western Hotel, West Fitchburg
Cocktails (cash bar) and Dinner, $32 per person (Reservation required)

Class of 1978 25th Reunion & Party
Place, time and cost to be announced.

Class of 1993 10th Reunion &Party
Slattery's
$5 per person (cash bar)

Sunday, September 21

Field of Dreams: Alumni Baseball Game — 3PM
Robert Elliot Field

FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE

Registration

Please indicate the activities that you will attend.

	# Attending	Cost (if any)	Total
Friday, Sept. 19			
Golf Tournament	_____	$100 pp	$_____
Just Desserts	_____	$5 pp	$_____
Class of 1953—50th Reunion Party	_____	$26 pp	$_____
Saturday, Sept. 20			
President's Reception		No Charge	
Reunion Luncheon			
Class of 1953 or earlier	_____	No Charge	
Class of 1954—2003	_____	$10.00	$_____
5th Quarter Reception (ID required)	_____	$5 pp & cash bar	$_____
Alumni Awards & Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner	_____	$25 pp	$_____
Class Reunion Dinners			
1953 (50th) at the Best Western ___beef ___pork ___scrod		$32 pp	$_____
1978 (25th) TBA	_____	TBA	
1993 (10th) at Slattery's	_____	$5 pp	$_____
		Total:	$_____

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Beatles band rocks Weston Auditorium

AMY S. BOBROWSKI
STAFF REPORTER

For the seventh time in eight years, —1964-The Tribute“ brought their Beatles British invasion to FSC‘s Weston Auditorium on Sept. 13 as part of Alumni Weekend. Living up to memories, this group was a pristine revival of the Fab Four themselves. Clad in black tapered pants and tan jackets, —The Tribute“ opened their hour and a half long set with —And I Saw Her Standing There.“

Two Beatle sound-alikes play their intruments during their rendition of“Penny Lane”. The group has been together since 1984.

Courtesy Photo

Screams arose from the crowd as the continued with —I Wanna Hold Your Hand.“ Not only do these men look like the Mop Topped lads from Liverpool, but they dance, sing and speak like them too. —This John is great,“ said audience member, Amy Weymouth, —The body language is the same as the real one.“

George took control of the microphone for a good part of the show as he performed the sugary love song —Do You Want to Know a Secret,“ the upbeat —Roll Over Beethoven,“ and —Everybody‘s Trying to be my Baby.“ —This George is really animated,“ added Weymouth. —Look at him smile,“ she said.

Ringo was not to be denied his turn. From behind the drums, he performed —Yellow Submarine“ in such an authentic performance that it sounded almost exactly like the album. Ringo also complemented the band with his silly facial expressions and chipper waves to the audience.

Even though the group had been performing for five days straight, Paul was still more than capable of reaching high notes in both —Mr. Moonlight“ and —Michelle My Belle. The show wouldn‘t be complete without John, the group‘s unofficial leader. He added harmonica highlights to —Please Please Me.“

Audience members jumped to their feet and crowded the stage for —Twist and Shout.“ Unable to keep still, the energy stayed at that elevated level for the rest of the show and the group performed favorites, such as —Eight Days a Week,“ Hard Days Night,“ —All My Loving,“ —Paperback Writer,“ —Can‘t Buy Me Love,“ —Help!“ and —Day Tripper.“

Although Weston Auditorium is no Shea Stadium, these fans gave just as much enthusiasm as the familiar melodies brought back youth and excitement to all fans young and old. —It was awesome,“ said FSC student Dan Maloney. The Boys from Britain hurried off the stage to greet fans after a crowd-pleasing encore of —Rock and Roll Music.“

—1964-The Tribute“ has been called the #1 Beatles show in the world, and had sold out Carnegie Hall in New York City. The group will now be performing two nights at Carnegie Hall in the year. What makes them so good is not just their musical talents or their matching suits. These factors, supplemented by the authenticity of the bands equipment, make —1964“ a time traveling experience. The compression drivers and Vox AC-30 amplifiers used in the show are not even made today.

More than just a band of four guys in matching suits, —1964-The Tribute,“ is the closest thing to the greatest legends of all time. They

Cabin should be quarantined from box office

KRISTINE MCCAFFREY
STAFF REPORTER

Unfortunately sometimes we get excited to see a movie and then are disappointed at how bad it is. Cabin Fever is one of those movies. Although I have never walked out of a movie before, I would have on this one, if I didn‘t have to write this review. Despite its laughable value and a few seat jumping moments, my goal is to save you $6 at Cinema World.

Cabin Fever, directed, co-written, and produced by Eli Roth, is probably the worst excuse for a horror movie (with the possible exception of Rob Zombie‘s House of a Thousand Corpses). It stars a slew of newcomers to the acting world and Rider Strong, best known for his role as Sean on the show Boy Meets World. The music, by Nathan Barr, is probably the flicks most redeeming factor, since the opening credit sequence is the most suspenseful part of the entire film.

The characters are cliché; a drunken frat boy, Mr. Sensitive, a blonde and a brunette (making a Betty and Veronica type duo), a guy the audience forgets about, a brief encounter with a stoner camper, and some country store hicks thrown in for good backwoods measure. Not to mention a martial arts wannabe child, Dennis, who enjoys biting people.

Some friends hit the road for a week of camping and drunken fun when a poor soul comes to their door in search for medical attention. Can you guess what he has? Yes, the fever. Do they help him? Nope. They shoot him with a bee-bee gun and light him on fire. Too bad all our college friends are already being infected, since they are drinking from the reservoir where the disease infested hermit‘s dead body is floating.

One by one each of our oversexed, moronic and down right cheesy new friends start to sprout lesions and blood oozing wounds not to mention vomiting blood. Surprisingly, that doesn‘t stop them from having sex, shaving their scabbed legs or going off on their own in canoes, caves, barns and walks to try and find help. I give credit to the makeup crew for getting out the ketchup and trying to at least give the flick some good gross gore.

Throw in a rabid dog, a meaningless horror story around the campfire, poor conversation, a sketchy sheriff and you have 1 hour and 35 minutes of life you can never get back. Rider Strong better hope they do a Boy Meets World reunion special, because it will a while before he gets work again.

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Martyniuk's Passion for Teaching

RENE MARTYNIUK
EPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

I was asked to speak to you oday about my —passion for eaching," which is a fairly ostract thing about which to lk. So after mulling it over for bit, I decided to go back to my wn description from the nglish Department Student andbook–the blurb I wrote out myself to accompany a st of my degrees, research terests, and all that. I've since anged what I wrote for a vari- y of reasons, one of which is ecause no one was getting it. o this is my chance to explain.

Previously, I wrote that teach- g, to me, is like a roller coaster de, complete with the thrills, the ar, and the elation. But let me arify that. When I say, —roller oaster ride," I don't mean those gantic roller coasters that now ot the country. I grew up in Northeastern Ohio, and we have ur share of those rides, particu- rly at Cedar Point–a massive musement park on the coast of ake Erie that currently has the llest, fastest roller coaster in exis- ence–the Top Thrill Dragster hich climbs 420 feet in the air nd reaches a speed of 120 mph ccording to their web site (cedar- oint.com). That does sounds fun nd scary, but it isn't really analo- ous to teaching in my mind.

No, when I say teaching is like roller coaster ride, I'm specifical- referring to a roller coaster that xists in Aurora, Ohio at a park hat used to be called —Geauga ake." It's now been taken over y the Six Flags Company, along ith its neighbor, the old —Sea Vorld," and is now called —Six lags Worlds of Adventure." nd it does try to compete with edar Point and has some big oasters, including, according to ts web site, the Batman Knight light, which reaches 65 mph and goes 161 feet in the air (batman), nd the X-Flight, according to its web site, which puts 4.3 G-Forces n its riders (xflight).

But the best roller coaster in he park, I believe, is The Big Dipper. It's not particularly tall and not very long. If my memory serves me correctly, the carriages are like park benches rather than bucket seats. There is only a bar that goes over you and your companion's waist–there is no harness because the coaster doesn't turn you upside down. To compare it to the coasters you've just heard about–the Big Dipper reaches a height of 65 feet and its top speed is a whopping 32 mph (dipper). But it's the scariest and best roller coaster because . . . it's wooden and it's old. According the web site, it first began running in 1925, and it still sounds and feels that way (dipper). This is not one of the new, computer-designed roller coasters that move smooth and fast over rails that never rust. This is a dirty old coaster made out of wood that shakes, creaks, rattles, and sways all day.

By the time your 1 minute and 45 second ride is over (again, from the web site [dipper]), you've been through the wringer. You're kind of bruised on your arms and back, and you are seriously nauseous out of fear and from being tossed around while holding on to a single safety bar. You're hoarse from screaming. And you're ready to do it again.

That's teaching.

Seriously, though, let me explain. For me, really great teaching happens when I'm a bit nervous. When I head off to a class, I have a pretty good idea of what I would like to happen that day. I've got an outline of the information that I want my students to know–the facts and ideas that are going to get on the blackboard. I also have an outline of the main themes and ideas that I want the students to generate and an idea of how to elicit that information from them. And I have a pretty good idea of the connections that I want my students to make with other ideas we've worked on particularly as we get further into the semester. It's all written out on notebook paper that I then spread all over the desk in the front or flip through as we discuss the topic.

But I can never predict what's going to happen in that classroom, and that's the scary part. It's also the most exciting part–just like that wooden roller coaster at Geauga Lake. It's not always slick and reliable, but that's the fun. When everyone has done his/her work–when they've prepared for the class–the atmosphere is awesome and the learning is always mutual between the students and me. I see images of a much younger me in the faces of the English majors–students who love reading and writing and know how important it is. I help them negotiate material and truly feel as if I am passing along the gift of learning that I was given so many years ago when I was a student. However, over the years, I've found that I sometimes learn the most from the non-English majors. These are students who aren't fanatical about reading or writing, but they dutifully do the work. But even better, they haven't been overtrained in literature yet, and they frequently bring new and exciting perspectives to texts that I've taught for years and years, the texts that I thought I knew so well.

I don't know what to expect in this sort of class and I'm really not exaggerating with the roller coaster image. Things can go wildly right, but there is always an edge; it can all come crashing down at any moment. I never know what someone is going to say–how someone can completely disagree with me, even in the nicest way possible. Or even how a student can point to an entirely new reading–one that I've never considered–and it can make me want to throw all my sheets of paper out the window. I learn from those moments, and sometimes learning is scary–and fun. I cherish those moments.

Of course, the other fear is the flop class. I can walk in with the best-laid plans and for whatever reason, no one is ready. The immediate desire is to send everyone home in disgust, but I never do that, nor do my colleagues. I can't validate bad behavior, but even more importantly, I can't waste a day in the classroom. That space and time is just too valuable. So I start improvising. I work it out, somehow, like hanging on when riding the Big Dipper. I have to admit that I've learned just as much about teaching on the days when I've had to slug it out as when everyone is prepared. You have to think on your feet and come up with new ways to present information.

By the way, in case you're sitting there thinking, ok, so I'd be doing her a favor if I never prepared–no. As a teacher, I learn a lot about presenting information when no one is prepared. But as a student, you still don't get too much out of the class because you have no idea where I'm leading you or why, so you can't question my motives and ideas. You don't get the thrill of the coaster on that day.

In either scenario, by the end of the class, at least I am a little bruised from being tossed around and made to think, and I would like to imagine that at least a few of my students are also. But in a good way. And most of us are ready to get back in line for another ride, to experience the same kind of thrill that comes from willingly riding a roller coaster built in 1925 that stands outside in the Northeastern Ohio weather all winter long and then runs all summer.

When you go to an amusement park, you spend most of the day in lines–in line for greasy food, in line to use really dirty bathrooms, and in line to spend three or four minutes scaring yourself senseless. And it's that third line that makes the first two worth it. Teaching is the same way for me. Professors spend a lot of time —in line"–prepping for class, sitting on committees, and, to me the equivalent of the dirty bathrooms, grading–but it's the roller coaster that makes it worth it. I love to teach, and the hour and fifteen minutes that I'm in a class are the best part of my day. It's the thrill that keeps me coming back, and I hope it will keep you coming back also.

Thank you.

I have to admit that I've learned just as much about teaching on the days when I've had to slug it out as when everyone is prepared.

Irene Martyniuk

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Festival/Picnic
1 pm ~ The Quad
9/23 Disco Fever
7:30 pm ~ The Underground
9/25 Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
Movie Night ~ 7 pm

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9/19 Family, Alumni, Parents ~ invite only, 7 pm
9/22 Public Pinning ~ Alumni A-C

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9/20 Alumni BBQ & House Tours at Sigma Pi
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6 pm ~ Aubocon Kitchen

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9/18 Mini Golf ~ Masons, 7 pm
9/22 Rollerskating ~ Roll on America, 7 pm
9/24 Bring a Friend Ice Cream Social
Townhouse 501, 8 pm
9/29 Bowling ~ Masons, 7 pm
10/1 Spaghetti Dinner ~ Townhouse 501, 5:30 pm
10/2 Open House ~ Townhouse 501, 6 pm

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Weekly Horoscopes http://www.astrology-online.com/horo.htm

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

Sudden changes in your financial situation are likely. Dig deep to find out how costly a new venture will be before you sign on the dotted line. You will have the stamina and the know how to raise your earning power. Concentrate on your job.

* Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday *

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

You may be somewhat emotional concerning a rather private matter. Changes at home will be necessary. You could overreact to emotional situations regarding your relationship.

* Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday *

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

This is not the time to lend or borrow money or possessions. Make plans to mix business with pleasure. Dinner with clients or business associates should be successful. You need to interact with others if you want to expand your knowledge. Use your quick wit to win points and friends.

* Your lucky day this week will be Monday *

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Get help to finish a project if you need it. You will be tempted to shop till you drop. Be sure to keep communication open with those you live with. You are best to keep your money tied up in a safe and secure place.

* Your lucky day this week will be Thursday *

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

Do not be stubborn about making changes around your home. You can dazzle members of the opposite sex with your quick wit and aggressive charm. You should make special plans for you and your lover. Your partner may be reluctant to tell you how they feel.

* Your lucky day this week will be Friday *

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

Residential moves will also be advantageous for all concerned. Your temper may get the better of you if a colleague has tried to ruin your reputation. Get together with friends for some competitive physical activities. Attend trade shows that will allow you to look at new products.

* Your lucky day this week will be Thursday *

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Property deals will pay big dividends. Your ability to do detailed work will dazzle those who are less creative. There's lots to be done and if you meet your deadline you'll be in your boss's good books. Try not to push your philosophies on others.

* Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday *

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You can enjoy short trips. You may be sensitive concerning friends and their situations. Be prepared to take advantage of your good fortune. A trip to visit relatives should be rewarding.

* Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday *

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

You will find the perfect outfit if you shop this week. Take time to listen to children and help them with projects that seem impossible to them. Put your energy into your work or moneymaking ventures rather than into your emotional life this week. Deep discussions may only lead to friction.

* Your lucky day this week will be Saturday *

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

Visit friends or relatives that you don't get to see very often. Don't be shy; if you want to spend more time with a special person, make a commitment. Past partners are likely to reappear. Minor health problems may lower your vitality.

* Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday *

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

Spend some time with the one you love. Pleasure trips will be satisfying. Do not let the reactions of others get you going. You can make new friends by taking part in social events involving colleagues. You can get ahead if you present your ideas to superiors.

* Your lucky day this week will be Saturday *

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Communication will be your best bet. Try to curb your tongue and let others at least get a word in. You may find that family members may not be too easy to get along with. Advancement can be yours if you put your efforts into work related matters.

* Your lucky day this week will be Thursday *

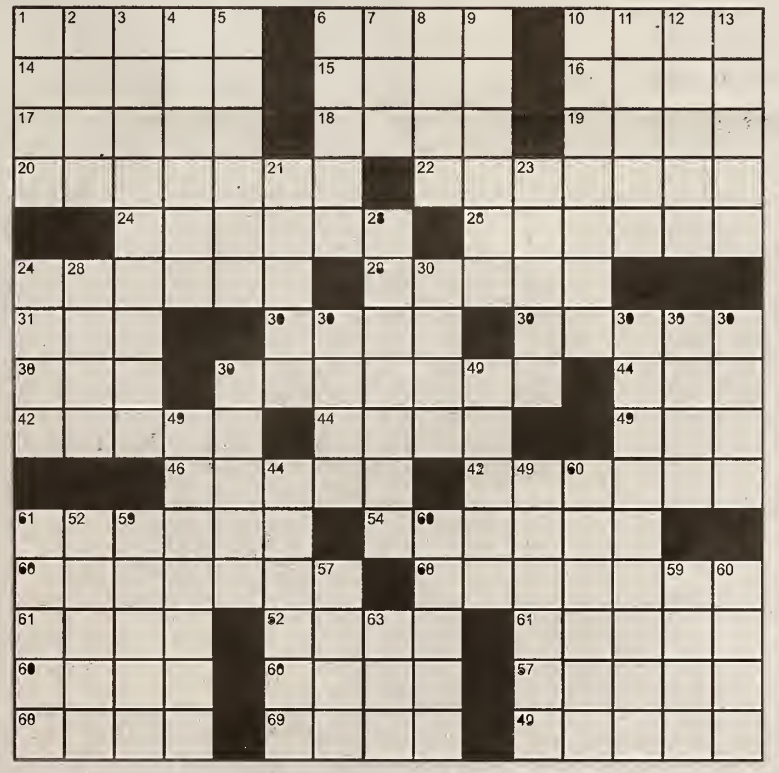
Fun crossword of the week

Across

1 Them there
6 Offend
10 Lane of the Daily Planet
14 Driver's invitation
15 Actor-songwriter Novello
16 Pale
17 Overturn
18 Phoenician port
19 Boxer Max
20 mack of movies
22 African spear
24 Patty or William
26 Film producer?
27 _____ Nevada
29 Fusion weapon
31 One ___ time
32 Thrill ride cry
34 Curses
38 Here-there connector
39 Montgomery is its capital
41 Sneaky laugh sound
42 Caper
44 Sooty shaft
45 Uganda's Amin
46 Reach in amount
48 Assumed name
51 Lower in rank
54 Adorn
56 Unfriendly quality
58 German for Germans
61 Sinder Braxton
62 Pith helmet
64 Forbidden
65 This is one
67 Lloyd Webber
68 Spandau's last
69 Professor 'iggins
70 Pilot's affirmative

Down

1 So
2 Optimist's asset
3 Kind of surgery
4 Wrongdoer
5 Evoke affection
6 Paws
7 Climbing plant
8 Ancient assemblies
9 Wall painting
10 Biopic about Richie Valens
11 Oklahoma Indian
12 "That's not what _____!"
13 Aleppo's land
21 Large fishing net
23 Pago Pago locale
25 1958 movie chiller
27 Yemen's capital
28 Lay ___ the line
30 Suitor
33 Knife handle
35 Dreams
36 Movie star Lamarr
37 Wedge-shaped
39 Sharp
40 union general in the Civil War
43 Life's strange turns
47 Get snug
49 It's gender
50 Book size
51 Abandon
52 Parisian school
53 Without
55 Uplift spiritually
57 Shortly
59 Dove's domicile
60 Frost
63 Norm



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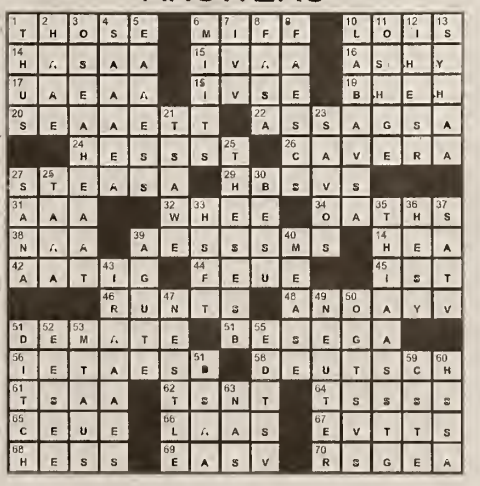

Curry triumphs over football

ROBIN L. KANTER
STAFF REPOTER

—This is your year", were the words spoken by head coach Pat Haverty right before FSC stormed onto the field. Pat Haverty is the coach of the Fitchburg Falcons, entering his second season as head coach. FSC took on the Kernels from Curry College on September 13, 2003. With roughly 914 people in the stands, it was bound to be a grand season opener for the Falcons.

The game started slow, with no points scored in the first quarter. Second quarter came around and with six minutes left, Brad Dick from the Kernels scored, with a four-yard pass from quarterback Kevin Holleran. Matt Rapoza kicked the conversion, to give the Kernels the lead 7-0. At the end of the first half, the falcons were still down by seven.

Within two minutes of the third quarter, Raphael Zammit scored for Curry, giving them a lead by 13 now. Rapoza came in again and kicked the conversion point. FSC was now losing 14-0. FSC did not sit back and relax. Treavor Smith came in and kicked a 32-yard field goal, putting three points on the scoreboard for the Falcons. The score now 14-3. Rapoza came back with a 20-yard field goal for Curry. Leaving Fitchburg still in deep water.

Fourth quarter came around and the falcons were still down by fourteen. Pushing the Kernels back into their end zone, the Falcons earned a safety, six minutes into the quarter. 17-5 was not the score, only trailing by 12. Jarrad Jordan for the Kernels came away with one more touchdown for Curry. Rapoza, failed on his conversion.

FSC went on to lose to the Kernels 23-5. It was a hard effort by all players. Congratulations to Senior Carld Auguste, who had three interceptions in Saturday's game. He tied FSC's all-time record of three interceptions in one game. Do not forget to support the football team next week at Elliot Field at 1:30PM against Western New England College.

September Sports Schedule Fall 2003

Football

Sat, Sept. 20	Western N.E College	2 pm
Sat, Sept. 27	at Westfield State College	1 pm

Women's Soccer

Sat, Sept. 20	WPI	10 am
Tue, Sept. 25	at MIT	4 pm
Tue, Sept. 25	Eastern Nazarene College	7 pm

Field Hockey

Thur, Sept. 18	at Wheelock College	7 pm
Sat, Sept. 20	at Keene State College	TBA
Tue, Sept 23	Eastern Connecticut State University	4 pm
Sat, Sept 27	Anna Maria College	4 pm

Cross Country

Fri, Sept. 19	Fitchburg State Invitational	TBA
Sat, Sept. 27	at Tufts Invitational	1 pm

A new Intramural season begins, with five sports and more

Intramural Sports are starting Fall 2003 off with a bang. Are you interested in playing an intramural sport and do not know what is offered or when the information is due? Well tune into this article and all your questions will be answered. This season, the Recreation Center and Intramural Sports will be offering a variety of sports. We have:

COED Tennis Ladder
Women's Flag Football
Deck Hockey
CO Recreational Softball
Inter-Tube Water Polo

Rosters are due to Pete Murray by Friday September 18, 2003. You can email Pete Murray at PJMurray@fsc.edu or you can pick up a blank roster down at the Recreation Center. Sign up ASAP! There will be a captain's meeting on Monday September 22, 2003 at 8 PM in classroom #1 at the Recreation Center. All captains should attend as well as free agents!

*For those interested in signing up for water polo remember that you need a minimum of seven players!
*Women's Flag Football needs a minimum of seven players
*Co-Rec Softball needs a minimum of 12 players!

If you are looking for something more outdoors, then do not be afraid to sign up for the FSC Outdoor Adventures club. Their first trip will be to Crow Hill Rock Climbing and the cost is only $45. It will take place at Crow Hill, Leominster State Forest in Leominster, Massachusetts. October 4th is

reserved for a guided rock climbing experience. All levels are welcome! From beginner all the way to intermediate. October 5th is reserved for those who feel that they are interested in a Top Roping Class. Sign up by September 26, 2003! Vertical World Adventures will guide this.

On Saturday October 25, 2003, the Inaugural FSC Urban Adventure Race will take place. You need to sign up in teams of three and compete in a race throughout Fitchburg. The registration deadline is October 22, 2003! Interested in a hiking trip? Than Mount Monadnock is the place to be. FSC will head up the mountain on November 8, 2003. WE will be going to Mt. Monadnock in Jaffrey New Hampshire, with the mountain at a whooping 3,165'. Sign up by Wednesday November 5, 2003 at the Recreation Center.

Friday Mountain Bike Rides? Join the Recreation Center on September 19, 26, October 3, 10, and 17. Are you a new student and are living on a FYRE floor? Well on September 19, 2003 join a Friday hike at the Recreation Center.

Is there a sport missing that you would like to play? Well don't forget to check out next semester's intramurals! They are:

Fun Run - 5K Race
Basketball
Co-Rec Indoor Soccer
Co-Rec Volleyball
Table Tennis Tournament
Kickball Tournament
Badminton Tournament

For more information about Intramural Sports or FSC Adventure Trips, visit the following websites:

*www.fsc.edu/intramural

*www.fsc.edu/outdooradventure

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*Or call extension 3613, off campus 978-665-3613!

Do not be the last to sign up! Sign up now and sign up often! Have fun and be active!